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Subject: Following special report on Dr. Robert Wirth

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1. Former Chancellor Dr. Robert Wirth has reappeared in the news after many years of comparative obscurity, when he followed an invitation to the Soviet sector of Berlin to become a tool in the Communist sponsored "unity drive". (Some sources assert that his sudden prominence in the German political scene may be very short lived -- but considering how few non-Communist personalities of high standing have become Communist tools thus far, I do not see any compelling reason why the Communists should drop him again so soon).

2. I have, therefore, instructed WFO to compile a biographical report on Wirth which I am forwarding herewith (11 pages, German language). WFO has not only utilized their current files but has done a considerable amount of library research to obtain the required background information on subject.

3. For the time being, we are not issuing this report to any agents. We had it only prepared in order to have useful information read, on hand if and when an opportunity for a special operation should occur.

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1 - 11-page German language report

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